

# ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW IS OPENED

HUNDRED MORE BIRDS HERE THAN ENTERED FOR OPENING FORENOON LAST YEAR.

EXPECT 500 BIRDS TO COMPRISE FINAL ENTRY

Judging, by A. B. Shaner, of Lanark, Ill., to Begin Tuesday—To Give Lecture to Poultrymen Wednesday Night—Other Entertainment Features Planned For Week.

One hundred more birds were entered in the Marshalltown poultry association's fourth annual premium show which opened at Forney's hall this morning, than were entered during the forenoon of the opening day last year. Three hundred birds have already been brought in by local exhibitors, and at least 200 more are expected from out-of-town fanciers. So far the Rhode Island Reds and the Barred Rocks are present in the greatest numbers, although twenty breeds have already been entered.

Poultry is expected tonight and this forenoon from the state show at Davenport which closes today. From Grinnell, and other nearby points, President John Mochel said this morning that the total number of birds exhibited would probably be about the same as last year, although the first entries exceeded those of 1914.

Much more pet stock, in the shape of bantams and pigeons will be shown this year, than before. One large space which has been enclosed will be devoted entirely to pigeons, over 100 having already been entered by a local fancier. A large display of incubators and egg testers has also been arranged.

Entertainment Features Planned. A. B. Shaner, of Lanark, Ill., will ar-

rive today to judge the poultry, and will give a lecture Wednesday evening on a subject of interest to all interested in poultry. Special features of entertainment have been provided for every evening, as well as several prizes. Buttons will be given out to every one coming to the show. There will be six sets of these buttons, each one with a duplicate, and a matching contest will take place every day. Twelve sacks of flour will be given away as prizes for those matching the most buttons. Every one with a button will be admitted free on Friday, the last day. A ticket selling contest has been arranged for all boys and girls interested. The boy or girl selling the most tickets will receive a \$5 suit of clothes or \$5 worth of merchandise from Gildner Bros., the next highest, a \$3 pair of shoes from the Wallace Shoe Store, and the third highest number a watch from the Mann Jewelry store. All other children not receiving large prizes will be given 1 cent for every ticket they sell.

## AMUSEMENTS.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" Most Delightful Comedy of Season.

Mystery, tragedy, imitable local color, side-splitting comedy, double-crossing politicians and magistrates, triple-crossing, fascinating lady blackmailers, murderers, love affairs, all extraordinarily well acted, and best of all a huge joke on the audience at the end, were all presented at the Odson Sunday evening when George M. Cohan's mystery farce, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," founded on Earl D. Biggers' novel of that name, was enacted before a fair-sized but appreciative audience by an extremely capable cast. It is a pity that some other night but Sunday night could not have been secured for the play, which is one of the best comedies that has been offered the public for some time. The play not only keeps the audience laughing most of the time, but it achieved that difficult feat that has been pronounced impossible by the greatest dramatists of the day—it kept the audience interested and amused several different times for periods of from two to four minutes, when not a word was spoken on the stage, and four minutes is a long time for an audience to wait, and not hear a line spoken.

Baldpate is a summer hotel in a small town in New Jersey near New York City, that is closed for the winter. The play is in two acts, with a prologue and an epilogue. The prologue shows the caretaker and his wife com-

ing to open the inn in the dead of winter. It appears that a telegram has been received from the owner, saying that a young author, William Hollowell Magee, will soon arrive to take possession of the inn. The caretaker and his wife are interested but mystified, and their wonder increases when Magee arrives and informs them that he is a writer of sensational stories, and has taken a wager of \$5,000 with the owner of the inn that he can write one of this sensational brand of novels in twenty-four hours. He has selected Baldpate Inn because he is sure he will not be disturbed in his loneliest of places, a summer resort in the winter. He is given a key, supposedly the only one in existence, and leaves for his twenty-four hour vigil with his muse.

Then things happen. In the order named appear, first a gentleman who puts \$200,000 in the hotel safe, is captured by Magee, and escapes thru a window; next a very petite and charming newspaper reporter, Mary Norton, with a chaperoone, "Widow" Rhodes, who has come to get the details of Magee's interesting wager; then Peter, the hermit of Baldpate, whose wife "ran away with a traveling man," and who goes around with a sheet play- ing ghost; next Myra Thornhill, a blackmailer with fascinating black- ister purposes; then Jim Caron, the crooked mayor of the town, who with Mary, his "man Friday," is to receive the \$200,000 and grant the city railway its franchise; after them, Thomas Hayden, the railway president, whose man put the money in the safe, and many interesting and exciting adventures with these charming companions. Some of the simplest are when he gets the thousands from the mayor, gives them to Mary Norton, with whom he has fallen in love, tells her to take them to town and spread the scandal in her paper; when Caron, the mayor, finds out that his "man Friday" was going to cross him and give the money to the blackmailing lady; when Hayden, the magnate finds out that Caron was going to steal the money from him and then not grant the franchise; when the "man Friday" shoots the black- mailer for squealing on him, and when stolen by the widow Rhodes, found by a hotel clerk, thrown into the fire and burned up by Peter the hermit.

All this keeps young Mr. Magee on the jump to be sure, and for the last half of the first act and the first half

of the second he has the whole eight crooks in a row with revolver pointed at them. It is here that the best acting of the play is brought in, and the audience is convulsed by some really excellent character portrayal. Every one of these persons has had the "only key in existence" to Baldpate, and poor Mr. Magee is more and more confused all the time. The chief of police comes in about to arrest the whole gang for murder, conspiracy and what not, when the door opens, and the owner of Baldpate rushes in, and makes inquiries of Mr. Magee as to how he is progressing with his story, and will he win the \$5,000 wager? Here the whole cast breaks into merriment, and laugh themselves hoarse at the mystified Magee and the more mystified audience.

Then the big joke comes out: the owner of the inn secured a stock company of a local theater to come up at quarter midnight and put all this on to show Mr. Magee how one of his trashy novels would look in real life. So everything was "pretending" and as the hermit naively announces, "this isn't my real hair," and the railway president, "these are not my real whiskers," and so on with the entire cast. The epilogue shows the caretaker and his wife returning after twenty-four hours, and Mr. Magee has written his story, naming it "Seven Keys to Baldpate." He marries the fake, but pretty reporter, and all is over.

Every character portrayed was portrayed almost to perfection. Special credit should be given to Chas. C. Causland who, as the hermit, brought down the house with every move he made. His shambling walk, expressive dirty countenance, and excellent and aimless movements with his hands, were a delight to watch. The caretaker and his wife, M. J. Sullivan and Amelia Meyers, portrayed their characters with unusual skill, while all the other characters were working hard and succeeding in getting their parts "across." Most of the audience were ignorant of the climax, and were completely taken off their guard. It is doubtful if some of them fully grasped the idea until the final curtain fell.

The small details of properties and actions were minutely worked out and helped to create a finished impression of the play as a whole.

## At the Orpheum.

"Watch Your Step" as presented at the Orpheum Sunday evening by Jack Trainor and company, is a good deal better than the average run of tabloid musical comedies, but "there's a reason." The reason is that "Watch Your Step" is nothing more nor less than a counterpart of "The Man From Mexico," in which John Barrymore appeared in his palmy days, and which has lately been put on the moving picture screen, with Mr. Barrymore still taking the leading role. The picture appeared here a few weeks ago.

In "Watch Your Step," Mr. Trainor goes to Italy instead of Mexico, and of course several popular songs and dances are introduced to make it a musical comedy instead of a straight comedy. The plot is really funny, and Mr. Trainor enacted his character with considerable comedy interpretation. His main ability as a laugh getter lies in the strange and inarticulate sounds he can make with his mouth and thru his nose—sounds commonly attributed to a 6-months-old infant, but taking on a humorous aspect, when made by a middle-aged man.

Specialties of merit are introduced when George Watson sings very creditably in a falsetto voice, and yodels several favorite songs to the huge delight of the audience. The chorus is good looking, and the songs catchy. Both shows had packed and enthusiastic audiences.

## ALLISON-ZUG WEDDING.

Miss Ella Zug Becomes Bride of Charles K. Allison.

The largest of the many interesting weddings which took place during the holidays was that of Miss Mary Ella Zug and Charles K. Allison, which was solemnized Saturday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Miss Olive Zug, 119 South Third avenue. One hundred guests witnessed the ceremony and were admitted by Marian and Janet, Elders. At 8 o'clock the service was read by Rev. William Pence James, pastor of the Episcopal church at Mason City, and former pastor of St. Paul's church of this city.

Miss Olive Zug was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Alice K. Allison, Mrs. Mary J. Kemper, Mr. and Mrs. James Zug, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willard. Mrs. R. C. Valentine and Miss Mabel French assisted in the parlors.

Miss Zug and Mr. Allison were unattended. The bride wore an exquisite gown of silk net over satin charmeuse, which was elaborated with pearls and crystal trimming. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and hyacinths. James F. Zug, a cousin, gave the bride away. Preceding the ceremony Miss May Dell Ake sang "If I But Knew," (Winn and Smith) and "The Ring" (Schumann). Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Isabel Mitchem, who also played "Prayer" from "Suite Gothique" by Boellmann during the ceremony and "On Wings of Song" (Mendelssohn-Liszt) during the season of congratulations.

In decorating quantities of California peppers and juniper berries from Colorado were effectively intermingled with ferns and pink roses in the different rooms. Following the service refreshments were served by the members of the Literary Club.

The bride is the younger daughter of the late Seth Zug and with her sister has always made her home in the old Zug home at 119 South Third avenue. Miss Zug, who possesses many friends in the city, was graduated from the high school in 1904. As a pianist Miss Zug is very talented, and is now studying at the conservatory of music at Grinnell College, where she will complete her course in the spring. The groom is the son of Mrs. Alice Kemper Allison, 216 West Church street, and is a salesman with the Victor Shoe Company, of Salem, Mass., with headquarters in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison left Saturday night for Chicago, from where they will go to Boston and New York for a two week visit. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at 119 South Third avenue.

Mrs. Emma McIntyre, of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. and Mrs. George Domm, of Des Moines, were the only guests from out of town.

## WILBUR WITHDRAWS.

Nominee of Marshalltown Club For Presidency Not Candidate.

Fred M. Wilbur, who received the highest vote for the presidency of the Marshalltown Club at their prior meeting on New Year's day, today formally withdrew his candidacy, owing to press of

other business. Mr. Wilbur said today that he was interested in so many other things that he did not feel he could give any more of his time. "There is better than I can," he added. With Mr. Wilbur's withdrawal the candidates receiving the highest vote are A. G. Johnson and Fred Hopkins.

## RICHARDS LEGRAND "NASSBY."

Mayor of LeGrand Succeeds Dr. M. M. Evans.

Dr. M. M. Evans, of this city, postmaster of LeGrand retired from that office today and Mayor Arthur A.

Richards, of LeGrand, the appointee, took his place. Dr. Evans had been postmaster for almost five years, but for a year of that time he has been trying to "shake" the job.

## HELD FOR "BOOTLEGGING."

Earl Sparks, Said to Be of Grinnell, Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Earl Sparks, aged about 20, who is said to belong in Grinnell, was held to the grand jury by Mayor I. S. Millard this forenoon on a charge of "bootlegging." Sparks was arrested in the A. O. U. W. hall Saturday by Chief of Police Will Lage for selling whisky

in the hall. The police claim to have evidence of sales made there. Sparks waived preliminary examination and his bond was fixed at \$250.

## M. & St. L. Shops Open.

The machine, boiler and blacksmith shops of the M. & St. L., which have been practically entirely shut down since before Christmas, were reopened this morning, and resumed work with the force that was employed before the shutdown.

Licensed to Wed. Charles K. Allison, traveling salesman, aged 23, and Mary E. Zug, aged 27, both of this city.

# January Bargains

The Bargain Store will offer some bargains during the month of January that will interest you and save you money. Start the new year right and save some money on the following items. Everything to eat and wear.

- Unbleached yard wide heavy muslin 6c per yard.
- Elegant heavy bleached umslin, 7c per yard.
- 5c pins, best M C pins, 3c, two for 5c.
- Safety pins, two for 5c.
- Red and blue handkerchiefs, 4c; seven for 25c.
- 10c all linen crash, 7c a yard.
- Children's wool hose in white, pink, and blue, 10c.
- Ladies' black hose, 7c, four for 25c.
- All ribbon in the store regardless of former prices, your choice, 10c the yard.
- Elegant bargains in Comforts and Blankets. A look will convince you.
- House dresses—your choice 49c and 79c. All sizes and colors.
- All ladies' trimmed hats, your choice at \$1.00.
- Heavy outing, 6 1/4c yard, four yards 25c.

# Clothing Bargains

Men's suits .....\$14.75 Men's suits .....\$9.75  
For the money, you can not equal them in fit, style and quality.

# 25% Discount or One-Fourth Off on All Boys' and Men's Overcoats

When you get 25 per cent discount off of our already Bargain prices, you certainly are getting a bargain.

- SWEATERS**  
We have placed on sale the best line of sweaters in the city at one-fourth off.
- MEN'S HATS**  
Our \$1.50 values .....75c Our \$2.50 value.....\$1.00
- CAPS**  
50c values .....35c  
\$1.00 values .....75c  
Fur caps, \$3.50 values.....\$1.49

# Some Great Shoe Bargains

Just received a big shipment of men's work shoes, heavy chrome tanned stock, exceptionally good value during the January sale **\$1.95**

Ladies' dress shoes, all leathers.....\$2.45 to \$1.65

We carry the best line of misses' and children's shoes in Marshalltown, and you can save from 50c to \$1.50 on your shoe bill at the Bargain Store.

Our stock of rubber shoes is now complete and you can find anything you need in this line in our store.

# Meat and Grocery Departments

- Any cut of beef roast, pound .....12 1/2c
- Good beef steak per pound.....18c
- Fresh side pork pound .....12 1/2c
- Fancy link sausage, pound...13c
- 2 pounds for 25c.
- Sugar cured bacon 18c pound
- Pigs' feet pound .....5c
- Fancy pig pork chops, pound.....15c
- Boiling meat, per pound .....10c
- Fancy country sausage, pound...13c
- Two pounds, 25c.
- Sauer kraut, per pound .....9c
- 3 pounds, 25c.
- Lard, two pounds 25c for
- FRESH BREAD DAILY Loaf, 4c; three for.....10c
- BOB WHITE SOAP Seven bars for.....25c
- GOOD BROOMS Each .....20c
- TOILET PAPER Three rolls for.....10c
- PRESERVES 23c
- 35-oz. jar
- CORN FLAKES Four for .....25c
- CATSUP 9 oz. bottle Three for 25 cents.....9c
- WHITE SEAL COM-POUND, 10 5.....99c
- WHITE SEAL COM-POUND, 5 5.....53c
- WHITE SEAL COM-POUND, 3 5.....37c
- OAT MEAL Large package.....21c
- FANCY APRICOTS Per pound.....18c
- Two pounds for 35 cents.
- RAISINS Extra large, 2 1/2 'bs.....25c
- RAISINS Seedless, 2 1/2.....25c
- PEACHES Select, 2 lbs.....25c
- PEACHES Choice, 2 1/2 lbs.....25c
- FAIRY SOAP Six bars for.....25c
- TEA, 50c grade Per pound.....38c
- BAKING CHOCOLATE Per pound.....35c
- CATSUP 1/2 gal glass jars.....49c
- CANNED PLUMS 2 1/2 in cans.....9c
- Three for 25 cents.
- VAN CAMPS SOUPS Can.....9c
- Three for 25 cents.
- RICE 26c package.....19c
- CALUMET BAKING POWDER, 1 lb.....21c
- MAPLE SYRUP 32 oz bottles.....23c
- ASSORTED JELLIES Each.....9c
- Three for 25 cents.
- HERSHEY'S COCOA 25c size.....19c
- TOMATOES Can.....9c
- Three for 25 cents.

We pay 35c for eggs. We sell eggs for 35c. We guarantee every egg. We sell nothing but fresh farm eggs.

**BARGAIN PRICES ON SUGAR**  
Best cane granulated sugar. Best beet granulated sugar.



Beginning Tomorrow Store will be open at 8:30 and close at 5:30 o'clock.

# EVERYBODY'S STORE

# LEVINS

106-108 EAST MAIN ST

DRY GOODS, CLOAKS, SUITS AND MILLINERY

Beginning Tomorrow Store will be open at 8:30 and close at 5:30 o'clock.

Store Hours for January and February—Beginning tomorrow and thruout January and February, this store will open at 8:30 and close at 5:30, excepting Saturday, when the store will open at 8 and close at 9.

# The January Clearance Sale

Began This Morning at 9 a. m. and Will Be Continued Until Saturday Night, Jan. 30

Judging from the enthusiasm shown by the public in this sale in the earlier part of the day when we first opened the doors, and the extraordinary values which we have combined with the large stock this sale will be the greatest we have ever had. We are going to make the receipts of January far greater than of any month this fall. When you stop to consider the large stocks which we have left for clearance this statement will easily be carried out.

# January This Year Offers Great Opportunities to the Public

The continual warm weather we have had during October, November, and December has kept the public from buying winter merchandise. Now with the brisk winter weather just beginning and with the outlook of three months of real winter ahead of us, you are assured of a saving on desirable merchandise all the way from 15 to 75 per cent which would not be possible earlier in season.

# The Lines Affected In This Great Sale

The entire underwear stock, some numbers as much as a reduction of 50 per cent; some lines 25 and 20 per cent. A general reduction in the underwear department on everything of 10 per cent.

Nearly the entire glove stock is included in the January clearance sale. —Upon the present conditions not knowing if we will be able to buy kid gloves next spring at any price on account of the war, the reductions which we make on our glove department should be greatly responded to.

The wool dress goods department offers unusual reductions on nearly the entire stock. The reductions range all the way from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent. In spite of the present declining market wool dress goods of every description are going to be higher next spring. The war situation has caused this. The foreign woollens, raw or manufactured, will be entirely out of existence in this country for some time to come.

# The Cloak Department

Not one garment is left out in our Cloak Department from the January Clearance.—We have told you a great deal about the clearance in our cloak department in Saturday's issue. We didn't tell you half what we could regarding our cloak department. If we should list every garment, describe fully its former and present price it would require about three or four pages to carry it out. In short every garment is reduced, every suit, every coat, every dress, every skirt, every fur, and every children's fur. The reductions in our cloak department range all the way from 15 to 75 per cent.

# Every Department is Included In the January Clearance

Waists, sweaters, kimonos, corsets, linens, cotton wash goods, portiers, millinery, jewelry, ribbons, laces, fur trimming, silks, in fact every stock that has winter merchandise is in the January Clearance.